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ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 4.—Five persons lost their lives and eight others were injured today in a fire which destroyed the Overbrook hotel at Pacific and Mount Vernon avenues in this city. The bodies of three of the dead are still in the ruins. Several of the injured are expected to die.

There were not many guests in the hotel, but most of them were aroused in time to escape. Most of them had to jump from windows.

One woman was seen to faint after calling for help from an upper window and was burned to death while her body lay across the sill in view of hundreds of persons, unable to help her. The engineer of the hotel hung out of a hotel window until the fire reached his hand and caused him to drop to the street. He was killed almost instantly. Another woman who managed to crawl out of a window fell, and also lost her life.

The bodies of the dead still in the ruins are those of the parents of Richard Mott, proprietor of the hotel, and Paul Hendricks, of Chambersburg, Pa.

The engineer who lost his life was identified as Nicholas DeRay. The fifth victim was Marie Johnson, the wife of a German bank president.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

SIX WOMEN VICTIMS
OF A NEW YORK FIRE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Six women lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the home of Mrs. Cassimir Tag at 243 Hancock street, Brooklyn, early today. Mrs. Tag, widow of the president of the German Savings Bank, escaped, but two of her daughters were among those who perished. The dead are:

Miss Caroline Tag and Miss Helen Tag, Hannah Snively, 68 years old, a cousin of Mrs. Tag; Jennie Streibman, a nurse; and Anna Cain and Lizzie Cain, servants.

The fire, which began in a partition on the lower floor of the four-story house, is attributed to defective insulation of wires. Miss Caroline Tag was awakened by smoke and discovered the fire about 3 o'clock this morning. Hastening to the telephone she notified her brother who lives in an adjoining apartment and then telephoned the fire department. As she gave the address of her home to the operator at fire headquarters she said:

"I am being overcome by smoke."

LANSING SILENT

On Latest Phases of the Lusitania Case and is Awaiting Wilson's Return.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the absence of official information, Secretary Lansing today refused to discuss any phase whatever of the Lusitania negotiations. It appeared at the state department, however, that if officials regarded the situation as seriously as it is reflected in Berlin despatches it was not permitted to appear on the surface. Something definite may take form after President Wilson returns to the capital.

RADY ELIMINATES HIMSELF FROM THE MAYORALTY RACE

Democratic Leaders Now Directing Their Efforts to-ward Other Quarters.

Raymond P. Rady, former city treasurer, today put a quietus on the talk about his being a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor, with the statement that he would, under no circumstances, enter the race for the nomination. Mr. Rady was emphatic in his announcement, and Democratic leaders have given up all hope of persuading him to enter the race, it is said.

Business reasons were given by Mr. Rady for his refusal to enter the race. If elected, he said, the office of mayor would require his attention to the detriment of his business affairs.

With Mr. Rady eliminated from the race, Democratic leaders have turned their attention to two other probable candidates for mayor, according to gossip in Democratic circles today. It was stated on good authority that a determined effort is being made by Democratic leaders to persuade either Harry W. Sheets, attorney, or Dr. J. W. Johnston to enter the mayoralty race. What suc-

BUCKET SHOPS

In Eleven Ohio Cities Are Raided Simultaneously by Ohio State Inspectors.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 4.—Twelve so-called bucket shops in eleven Ohio cities were raided simultaneously at 11 o'clock today by inspectors of the state banking department and the managers were taken into custody on charges of violating the blue sky law and operating fraudulent securities jobbing agencies, according to announcement made shortly before noon by Harry T. Hall, state superintendent of banks.

The raids were made on two establishments in Youngstown and one each in Dayton, Akron, Canton, Toledo, Marion, Steubenville, East Liverpool, Fremont, Norwalk and Piqua.

In each case the inspectors and county prosecutors, deputy sheriffs or police, who assisted in the raid, were ordered to arrest all patrons found in the shops as well as the proprietors. Charges of gambling probably will be made against the patrons.

TUBERCULOSIS

Causes Death of Henry Abbott Wicks, a Farmer of Davison's Run.

Henry Abbott Wicks, aged 48 years, a farmer of Davison's run, died at 7:45 o'clock Friday morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Carey L. Barnes, at Northview, following a long illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Wicks was moved to the home of his mother at Northview so that he would be closer to the city to receive medical aid.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are his widow, five children and his mother. The funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Lynch-Osborn Undertaking Company's mortuary chapel. The Rev. Dr. W. C. Taylor of the First Baptist church, will have charge of the services and the burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

REGRET ONLY

Is Expressed by Germany and There Will Be No Admission of an Illegal Act.

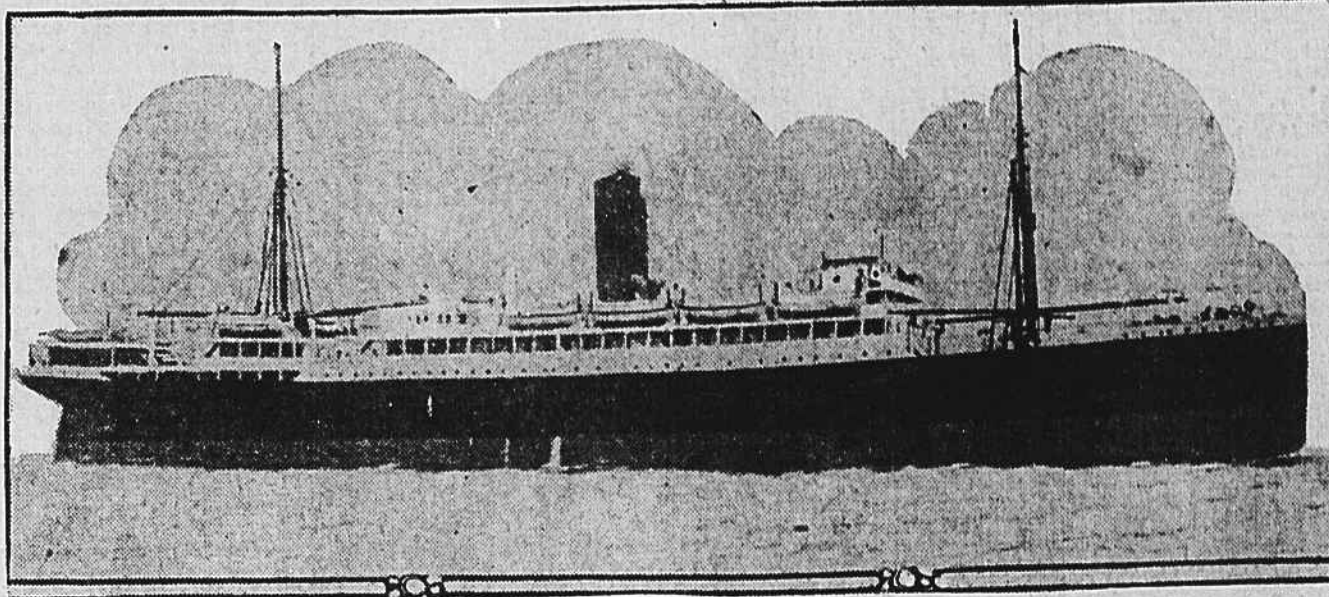
BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Information reaching the Associated Press today indicated that under no circumstances will Germany admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

The new instructions forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff, according to this information, contains simply one phrase of the new formulation of the proposed note of regret for the sinking of the Lusitania. The suggested sentence is short consisting of only eight words and does not contain the word "illegal." It represents the extreme limit of Germany's concession in the Lusitania case.

TURKS EVACUATE

PETROGRAD, Feb. 5.—The Novoe Vremya asserts it has received from a trustworthy source information to the effect that the Turks have evacuated Erzerum, one of their principal strongholds, on the Caucasian front.

HANDFUL OF GERMANS TAKE BRITISH LINER APPAM; MAKE IT A PRIZE OF WAR



British steamship Appam.

The British steamship Appam, believed sunk off the coast of Africa with 400 souls aboard, was brought into Norfolk, Va., February 1, by German prize crew of 22 men. To escape capture by British cruisers, the Appam was driven across the Atlantic, through a cordon of British warships and into the neutral American harbor. The exploit of this handful of Germans is regarded as the most amazing in the war.

APPAM A PRIZE

Of War is the Decision of the United States and but One Question Remains.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Secretary Lansing indicated today that the United States has decided to hold that the Prussian-American treaty governs the case of the Appam, as Germany contends that all that remained to be decided was the interpretation of the application of the treaty's terms.

The secretary disclosed further that the sole question to be decided by the interpretation was how long the Appam should be permitted to remain in American waters. The treaty guarantees to a German prize the right to come and go freely. If the Appam were forced to depart it would doubtless become the prey of British cruisers outside the Virginia capes. If forced to the part, German officials have stated the ship would be sunk.

DAMAGE VERDICT

Is Returned for Amos G. Parks against the South Penn Oil Company.

In the damage suit of Amos G. Parks against the South Penn Oil Company for personal injuries while employed at the industrial addition shops of the company, a circuit court jury Friday returned a verdict of \$208.33 in favor of Parks.

The Pike News Company petitioned for an injunction to enjoin the Clarksburg Advertising Company from bringing numerous suits on bill board contracts. Harvey W. Harmer was elected special judge in the case.

A temporary injunction was issued against Russell Carter restraining him from interfering with employees of the Hope Natural Gas Company.

FIRE DRIVES FAMILY INTO ZERO WEATHER

C. R. Weekly, His Wife and Three Children Have Narrow Escape from Flames.

Clad only in their night clothing, C. R. Weekly, a miner employed by the Francois Coal Company, his wife and three children were driven from their home at Norwood into the snow and zero temperature about 4 o'clock this morning, by a fire which destroyed their home and two other adjoining houses, entailing a loss of about \$4,000.

The other two houses burned were occupied by the families of Rudy Surrovsky and Peter Kosovsky. Both Surrovsky and Kosovsky are employed by the Francois Coal Company. They and their families had plenty of time to escape the flames, and they saved a large majority of their household goods.

The fire originated in the kitchen of the Weekly home, and is thought to have been caused by an explosion of gas. The light in the kitchen was left burning when the Weekleys retired Thursday night, and an explosion of some kind is thought to have set the wall paper on fire.

Mr. Weekly was awakened by the heat from the flames and had barely time to rouse his wife and three children and get out of the house in safety. They lost all their household goods, and in addition \$80 in currency was destroyed by the flames. The members of the Weekly family were given shelter and provided for by neighbors.

All three houses burned were four-room buildings, and were owned by E. L. McWhorter, of near Jane Lew. His loss is estimated at \$3,000. The loss of the occupants of the houses, it is estimated, will bring the total to near \$4,000.

MR. BOEHM IMPROVING

Thomas Boehm, who has pneumonia at his home at 503 Wilson street is better and he is improving nicely.

SHEETS CHOSEN

Secretary of Tri-State Sheep and Wool Growers' Association at Wheeling.

WHEELING, Feb. 4.—The annual session of the Tri-State Sheep and Wool Growers' Association has adjourned here after the election of the following officers, President, R. L. Munce, Canonsburg, Pa.; secretary, E. W. Sheets, Morgantown; treasurer, J. E. Perrin, Independence.

The vice presidents are to be appointed later. Next year's meeting will be held here.

Charles E. Crothers, of Taylors-town, Pa., won first prize for the best wool exhibits.

THREE RAIDS

Are Made on the Albanian Port of Durazzo by Austrian Airships.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The Austro-Hungarian admiral in a statement issued at Vienna today reports that three airship raids were made on the Albanian port of Durazzo from January 25 to February 1. The statement also announced that bombs were dropped by Austrian aeroplanes on the port of Avlona, which is occupied by Italian troops.

EAGLES TO MEET

Clarksburg Aerle, No. 445, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will hold a regular meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the carpenters' hall on Third street opposite the postoffice.

SERIOUS CRISIS

Of the War Arises in Connection with Lusitania Case, is the Belief of Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The view entertained here that one of the most serious crises of the war has arisen in connection with the Lusitania case and that it is impossible to foresee the outcome from any indications here. The result of the negotiations appears to hinge solely upon the one word "illegal." In the way of an agreement between the United States and Germany stand only seven letters expressing the conception which President Wilson and Secretary Lansing insist must be embodied in the German formula expressing regret for the loss of American lives aboard the Cunarder. The Associated Press is informed authoritatively that Germany cannot and will not designate as illegal the sinking of a liner by any submarine.

Virtually no other difficulties in the way of settlement remain and the new instructions forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff on Tuesday contain merely the new formula by which it is hoped to satisfy Washington, without humiliating this country. Although the suggested sentence, according to a reliable version, consists of only eight words and does not contain the word "illegal" or characterize the sinking of the Lusitania as such, it goes to otherwise the furthest extent possible toward meeting American desires.

TO SENT CONVENTION

John Sopher of the local Associated Charities will go to Fairmont Saturday to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the West Virginia Charities and Correction Association, which will decide on the date and place for holding the 1916 conference. Mr. Sopher will exert every effort to bring the conference to Clarksburg.

C. W. Jackson, of Elkins, is a city business visitor. Thora F. Koblegard is here from Weston on a brief business visit.

Big Business Concern Considers This City In Location Matter

Secretary of Board of Trade Gets Quick Reply to His Letter and Answers.

In Monday's issue of the Telegram, January 31, appeared a list of questions submitted to the secretary of the board of trade from the president of a large Pittsburgh corporation with a capital of \$1,250,000, at present operating a successful plant, which is to be moved into another district. The questionnaire submitted to the board of trade contained sixty questions under eight different headings. This questionnaire was fulfilled. The day it was received, and the Telegram, quotes herewith a letter received by Secretary G. W. Dudderar Friday morning from the president of the company in Chicago: "Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3, 1916.

"Clarksburg Board of Trade,

"Clarksburg, W. Va.,

"Mr. G. W. Dudderar, Secy.

"Dear Sir:

"Your letter and answers to our questionnaire were forwarded to me and I thank you for the painstaking answers. The location of our

Canada's Magnificent Parliament Building, Costing \$6,000,000, is in Ruins.

SIX LIVES KNOWN LOST

Contents of Building of Great Value and Money Loss is Difficult to Estimate.

OTTAWA, Canada, Feb. 4.—Canada's magnificent parliament building, which cost more than \$6,000,000, lay in ruins today from a fire attributed by some to a fire or an infernal machine. At least six lives were lost and many persons were injured. The fire was under control at 3 a. m. today.

The known dead are: Madam Bray, daughter of the late J. H. Tanguay of the legislative council.

Madam Moran, wife of Louis Moran, of St. Joseph de Beauce, Quebec.

Robert Fanning, a waiter employed in the building.

Alph DesGarnies, a Dominion policeman and A. Desgarnies, a plumber.

The financial loss is difficult to estimate, but the contents of the building were of great value. At an early hour today it was believed that the parliamentary library in rear wing had been saved.

While the fire was burning soldiers carried out many of its 200,000 volumes.

The parliament building was rated as one of the finest Gothic structures on this continent.

Among those reported missing is B. B. Law, a member of Parliament for Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Mr. Law is understood to have been at the house at the time the fire broke out and has not been seen since. He was alone in the city and the management of the hotel where he was stopping, said he left there last night to go to the house and that every effort to trace him since has failed.

J. B. Lapoint, assistant clerk of the Commons, is also among those reported missing.

THOMAS'S RESOLUTION DENOUNCES THE ACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Senator Thomas, Democrat, introduced a resolution today denouncing the fire in the house of parliament at Ottawa as an act of "deliberately planned incendiarism" and an "unpardonable crime against civilization." Senator Gallinger, Republican, objected to its consideration, saying he knew of no evidence of incendiarism.

LINER SUNK

As Result of a Collision with a Steamship and 160 Lives Are Lost.

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 4.—The Japanese liner Daijin Maru was sunk Wednesday night in a collision with the steamship Linan and 160 lives were lost.

Twenty-one persons were saved. The Linan, badly damaged, is returning to Hong Kong.

The collision occurred at night at a point eighty miles from Swatow.

WAGES INCREASED

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 4.—Two thousand miners of the Cambria Steel Company were notified today of an increase of ten per cent in wages effective February 1. The men are not connected with a union organization.

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new plant is to me very important and the fuel question is more important than all else in our business, for we are using enormous quantities of gas and oil in our reduction process. I may say that I have taken your city into serious consideration. I will be all this week engaged in Chicago and cannot see you, therefore, but enclosed you will find a statement of my business which was written up for a special purpose, but may give you more information.

"Thanking you for the fine and splendid information I am,

"Sincerely yours,

"President."

It might be interesting to know that the reply to the questionnaire referred to consisted of thirteen typewritten pages, single space, fully answering every question asked.

BIG FIRE

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Feb. 4.—The buildings occupying half of an entire block in the business section, were destroyed by fire today, with a loss of \$135,000. A volunteer fire brigade saved the First National Bank after it had been damaged.